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Dear Sir or Madam:

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2003 for one month from December 17, 2003 to January 20, 2004 (January 17, 2004, falls on a Saturday and January 19, 2004, falls on a Federal Holiday within the District of Columbia). Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$110.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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